GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF PRAVASI CENTRES .
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government proposes to set up Pravasi Centres attached to Embassies to address various problems faced by the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs); and

(b) If so, the details of the said proposal and the specific functions likely to be assigned to these Centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to establish Overseas Centres is under examination in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs & the Ministry of Finance. Functions of the proposed Centres would be to coordinate with local Indian Population and Overseas Indian Associations and to extend legal, medical and financial services. Where necessary, these Centres will also extend value added services like legal assistance, health clinics and organizing of investment seminars.